

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Local Governmental Employees Political
5 Rights Act is amended by changing Section 12 as follows:

6 (50 ILCS 135/12)

7 Sec. 12. Elective and appointed office.

8 (a) A member of any fire department or fire protection
9 district may:

10 (1) be a candidate for elective public office and serve
11 in that public office if elected;

12 (2) be appointed to any public office and serve in that
13 public office if appointed; and

14 (3) as long as the member is not in uniform and not on
15 duty, solicit votes and campaign funds and challenge voters
16 for the public office for which the member is a candidate.

17 (b) A firefighter who is elected to the Illinois General
18 Assembly shall, upon written application to the employer, be
19 granted a leave of absence without compensation during his or
20 her term of office.

21 (c) A police officer or Sheriff's deputy may be a candidate
22 for or appointed to serve in, and if elected or appointed serve
23 in, the Illinois General Assembly. A police officer or

1 Sheriff's deputy who is elected to the General Assembly shall,
2 upon written application to the employer, be granted a leave of
3 absence without compensation during his or her term of office.
4 As long as the police officer or Sheriff's deputy is not in
5 uniform and not on duty, he or she may solicit votes and
6 campaign funds and challenge voters for the General Assembly
7 office for which he or she is a candidate.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-316, eff. 7-25-05; 95-142, eff. 8-13-07.)